

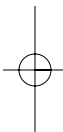
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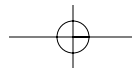
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**IT'S THE little things
WE TAKE FOR GRANTED.**

Water-Wise Landscaping



WATER MAY NOT SEEM LIKE
a big deal. UNTIL YOU
TRY living without it.



To look around Utah, most would never guess that it is actually the second-driest state in the nation – averaging only 13 inches of water each year. Working together and practicing easy conservation techniques, such as water-wise landscaping, is a huge step toward ensuring we have enough water for now and into the future.

WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING

Water-wise landscaping dramatically decreases water usage while allowing you to maintain a beautiful, lush landscape. It employs a host of ideas that conserve water, reduce maintenance and save money.

Water-wise landscaping doesn't mean drab, colorless, lifeless yards, but it does mean the application of these important principles:

Planning & Designs that are environmentally sound, financially feasible and aesthetically pleasing. Because lawns consume a lot of water, choose a landscape that limits the lawn size and beautifies the yard.

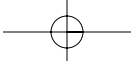
Soil Amendments that improve the soil and provide beneficial nutrients.

Appropriate Plant Selection using low-water use plants as much as possible. Group plants together that have similar water demands.

Efficient Irrigation that lessens water use and saves money. Apply water in the proper amount and only when necessary. Cycle your irrigation into two or three installments to avoid run-off. Group plants by water need.

Use Of Mulch reduces weeding, evaporation and slows erosion. Mulch with 2 to 3 inches of materials such as compost, ground bark, gravel or stone.

Appropriate Maintenance to repair hoses and irrigation leaks, and adjust your timers according to the season. Maintenance needs of a carefully planned water-wise landscape should decrease over time as plantings mature.



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Cycle your watering schedule by breaking your total watering time into two or three installments, allowing an hour between waterings to let the water soak in. The more clay in your soil means more frequent and shorter cycles for your lawn.

Cycle Your Irrigation

ADDITIONAL WATER-SAVING TIPS

If your lawn and plants are watered by different sprinkler zones, you will be able to save water by watering them appropriately. Shrubs, flowers and other decorative plants require 25 to 50 percent less water than lawn. If possible, water these zones a few minutes longer than the lawn but half as frequently.

Water By Zone



**HERE IN UTAH water is
a precious commodity.**

Monthly Lawn Watering Guide

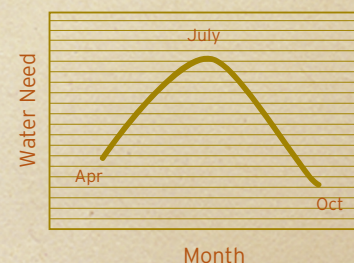


WE need TO MAKE every drop COUNT.



A typical Utah lawn has a water demand curve that begins in mid-April, rises to a peak in July, and then falls rapidly until mid-October. Adjusting your timer monthly to better follow this demand curve will save you water and money. An easy way to do this is keep the minutes constant and increase or decrease the number of days between watering.

Typical Lawn Water Demand Curve



MONTHLY WATERING GUIDE

These watering schedules are based on average conditions. If you already water less and are satisfied with how your lawn looks, don't increase your watering time. Instead, try decreasing your time. Turn down the minutes until you begin to see stress on your lawn, then turn it back up a bit and leave it. As you fine-tune your schedule you will save even more water and money.

If the recommended watering schedule does not seem to be enough water for your lawn, please check your system for inefficiencies and maintenance issues before increasing your run times. Watering a whole lawn to green-up just a few brown spots is an inefficient use of water.

* It is recommended to apply 1/2 inch per irrigation.

** It is recommended to apply 5/8 inch per irrigation.

Month	Northern Utah*	Southern Utah**
Mar.	No irrigation recommended	27 min. every 7 days
Apr.	No irrigation recommended	27 min. every 5 days
May	21 min. every 4 days	27 min. every 4 days
June	21 min. every 3 days	27 min. every 3 days
July	21 min. every 3 days	27 min. every 3 days
Aug.	21 min. every 3 days	27 min. every 3 days
Sep.	21 min. every 6 days	27 min. every 5 days
Oct.	21 min. every 10 days	27 min. every 7 days
Nov.	No irrigation recommended	27 min. every 10 days
Dec.	No irrigation recommended	No irrigation recommended

Please remember that these schedules are only recommendations. Each landscape has its own characteristics that affect its watering requirements.

The times have been calculated based on average application rates for spray heads. Times should be doubled for rotary heads.